

Remarks

The Office Action of July 10, 2008, continues to argue that Press (US 3,626,365) anticipates the applicant's invention. The applicant's amendment of October 15, 2007 and remarks of March 28, 2008 argue that Press does not anticipate the applicant's invention.

The applicant and the examiner talked by telephone on October 2, 2008. Based on this conversation, the applicant understands that the examiner now agrees that Press does not anticipate the applicant's invention. A brief summary of the differences between Press and the applicant's invention follow. A more detailed examination of these differences is in the applicant's submissions of October 15, 2007 and March 28, 2008.

Press does not reproduce sounds made by nearby vehicles. Press can not reproduce sounds because he has no signal connection between his microphones and loudspeaker.

Press is concerned only with warning signals, such as sirens and horns, and uses these to provide a visual indicator to a driver.

The only loudspeaker mentioned by Press functions as an alarm when activated by a radio frequency signal from an emergency vehicle.

Nothing in Press suggests that there is any value in normal traffic sounds of which tire noise is a prime example. Normal traffic sounds are the basis of the applicant's system.

In addition, the examiner noted during the October 2, 2008 telephone conversation that Press describes a single loudspeaker which by itself would not be adequate for presenting position information to the driver.

Summary The applicant respectfully asks that claims 1-18 and 20 be allowed in view of the fact that the objections of the Office Action dated December 31, 2007, and repeated in the office

action of July 10, 2008, are based on the belief that Press reproduces normal traffic sounds, which Press does not do.

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